

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (currently amended) An inflatable web comprising:
  - a) two sheets having inner surfaces sealed to each other in a pattern defining a series of inflatable chambers of predetermined length, each of the chambers having at least one change in width over their length;
  - b) an inflation port located at a proximal end of each chamber, said inflation ports being formed by intermittent seals between said sheets; and
  - c) longitudinal flanges formed by a portion of each of said sheets that extend beyond said inflation ports and intermittent seals, said flanges having a pair of open, unsealed edges.
2. (original) The inflatable web of claim 1, wherein said chambers comprise at least two inflatable sections of relatively large width connected by relatively narrow inflatable passageways.
3. (original) The inflatable web of claim 2, wherein said inflation ports are narrower in width than the inflatable sections of relatively large width.
4. (original) The inflatable web of claim 1, wherein each of said sheets comprises a heat-sealable thermoplastic polymer on its inner surface.

5. (original) The inflatable web of claim 2, wherein the sections of relatively large width are circular and capable of forming essentially spherical or hemispherical bubbles when inflated.
6. (original) The inflatable web of claim 1, wherein said pattern defining the inflatable chambers form uninflatable planar regions between the inflatable chambers.
7. (original) The inflatable web of claim 1, wherein said flanges have a width of at least  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch.
8. (original) The inflatable web of claim 1, wherein said flanges are substantially equal in width.
9. (original) The inflatable web of claim 1, wherein each of said inflatable chambers has a closed distal end opposite from the proximal end of each chamber.
10. (original) The inflatable web of claim 1, wherein said inflation ports comprise inner surfaces that are heat sealable to one another.

Claims 11-32 (canceled)

33. (original) The inflatable web of claim 1, further including one or more lines of weakness that allow sections of said web to be removed.